

ABSTRACT

An integrated import/export system includes a database of records relating to a plurality of shipments of goods, a database server and an application server. The application server communicates with the database server to provide members of a supply chain for a shipment of goods an opportunity to modify records relating to the shipment. As the shipment moves through the supply chain, the records relating to the shipment may be repeatedly updated and accessed by interested parties such as customs brokers and government officials. A central repository for such data minimizes errors from repetitive data entry and provides a more complete source of information relating to the shipment than is typically associated with a shipment at any time in transit.

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